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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed on November 30, 2005, the time for response to which extending to and including February 28, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following revisions and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 24 of this paper.